



# How to make a book with HTML & CSS

Using Bindery.js v2.3.1



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# Intro



*Bindery.js* is a javascript library to create printable books with HTML and CSS.

First, content is divided across multiple pages. From there, you can set up rules to generate running headers, spreads, and footnotes, based on the content that fits on each page. Turn links into page numbers to create a table of contents or index. When you're ready to print, configure bleed, crop marks, and booklet ordering.

If you're a web designer, you can think about books as an extension of responsive design. If you're a print designer, you can express layouts programmatically, without the need for InDesign.

Get started → <sup>1</sup> Github ↗<sup>2</sup>

1: [bindery.info/learn](http://bindery.info/learn)

2: [github.com/evnbr/bindery](https://github.com/evnbr/bindery)





# Learn



## Getting Started

Bindery is intended for web designers and developers of every skill level. Just include the script tag with your content, and you're ready to go.

```
<div id="content">
  <!-- The contents of your book -->
</div>
<script src="https://unpkg.com/bindery@2.3.0/">
</script>
<script>
  Bindery.makeBook({ content: '#content' });
</script>
```

You can also install bindery from npm<sup>1</sup>, or download directly.

```
npm install --save bindery
```

↓ Download bindery.min.js <sup>2</sup>

1: [www.npmjs.com/package/bindery](http://www.npmjs.com/package/bindery)

2: [unpkg.com/bindery/dist/bindery.min.js](https://unpkg.com/bindery/dist/bindery.min.js)

## *Styling*

Use your existing web CSS if you've got it—96 CSS pixels equals 1 CSS inch. That should be around 1 inch while printed, although some browsers might adjust the scale a little. CSS also supports points (pt), pica (pc), inches (in), and millimeters (mm).

When using media queries or viewport-specific units like `vh` or `vw`, note that these refer to the browser width, not width of a book page. Also, avoid changing sizes or layout when using `@media print`. Bindery won't be able to use that information when flowing content across pages, and you won't be able to see them in the preview.

## *Preparing Content*

Your book content is probably pretty long, so you may want to keep it in a separate file. This also prevents any flash of unstyled content you might have seen before bindery runs. You can fetch

content by passing in the URL and selector, like this:

```
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: {
    selector: '#content'
    url: '/book-content.html',
  },
});
```

(Keep in mind—your browser won't fetch content from a different web server, since that wouldn't be secure. Make sure you're loading both your current file and your content from the same server. If your browser says `file://` in the URL bar, you aren't using a server.)

You don't need to do anything special with your HTML content, as long as it all ends up in a single file. For example, you could use the Wikipedia API to make a book from an article<sup>1</sup> without changing the markup.

1: [bindery.info/examples/6\\_wikipedia](http://bindery.info/examples/6_wikipedia)

You may want to use your CMS or templating language to generate a file by looping over you

site's posts or pages. For example, if you're using Jekyll<sup>1</sup>, it might look something like this.

```
{% raw %}  
<section id="content">  
  {% for post in site.posts %}  
    <h2>{{ post.title | escape }}</h2>  
    <div class="post-content">  
      {{ post.content | markdownify }}  
    </div>  
  {% endfor %}  
</section>  
{% endraw %}
```

## *Rules*

You've now got content flowing across your pages. Next, you'll probably want to add page breaks, spreads, running headers, and the other elements of a usable book. You can do that by creating rules that apply to selectors, like you would with CSS.

1: [jekyllrb.com](http://jekyllrb.com)

```
<div id="content">
  <h2>Chapter 1</h2>
  <p></p>
  <figure class="big-figure">
    
  </figure>
</div>

<script>
  Bindery.makeBook({
    content: '#content',
    rules: [
      Bindery.PageBreak({ selector: 'h2', position:
'before' }),
      Bindery.FullBleedSpread({ selector: '.big-
figure' }),
    ],
  });
</script>
```

## *Book Components*

For rules that create new elements on the page, you can pass in your own function. You can use whatever other tools or libraries you like, as long as

you return an HTML element or line of text.

```
let linksAsFootnotes = Bindery.Footnote({
  selector: 'p > a',
  render: (element, number) => `${number}: Link to
${element.href}`;
});
```

```
let runningHeaders = Bindery.RunningHeader({
  render: (page) => page.isLeft
    ? `${page.number} · Jan Tschichold`
    : `The Form of the Book · ${page.number}`;
});
```

```
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: {
    selector: '#content'
    url: '/content.html',
  },
  rules: [ linksAsFootnotes, runningHeaders ]
});
```

In the example above, we return a string. We could also create an element ourselves in javascript. In plain javascript, that would look like:



```
let myCustomFootnote = Bindery.Footnote({
  selector: 'p > a',
  render: (element, number) => {
    let myFootnote = document.createElement('div');
    myFootnote.classList.add('note');
    myFootnote.textContent = `${number}: Link to
    ${element.href}`;
    return myFootnote;
  },
});
```

You can use any library that creates HTML elements, for example [nanohtml](#)<sup>1</sup>:

```
const html = import 'nanohtml';

let myCustomFootnote = Bindery.Footnote({
  selector: 'p > a',
  render: (element, number) => html`
    <div class="note">${number}: Link to
    ${element.href}</div>
  `;
});
```

1: [github.com/choojs/nanohtml](https://github.com/choojs/nanohtml)

## *Next Steps*

To learn more about available rules and options, check out the documentation<sup>1</sup> or view some examples<sup>2</sup>.

View Docs →<sup>3</sup>   View Examples →<sup>4</sup>

1: `bindery.info/docs`

2: `bindery.info/gallery`

3: `bindery.info/docs`

4: `bindery.info/gallery`

# Docs



# Setup

Use `Bindery.makeBook({ options })` to create a book and display it immediately on page load. It takes an object of options as described below.

```
// With required options
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: '#content',
});
```

## *content*

If the content is on the same page, use a CSS selector or a reference to the node. If the content must be fetched from a remote page, pass an object in the form of `{ url: String, selector: String }`.

```
// CSS selector
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: '#content',
});

// Element
const el = document.getElementById('content');
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: el,
});

// Fetch from a URL
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: {
    selector: '#content',
    url: '/posts.html',
  }
});
```

### *pageSetup*

**size:** Book size, in the form of `{ width: String, height: String }`. Values must include absolute CSS units.

**margin:** Book margin, in the form of `{ top: String, outer: String, bottom: String, inner: String }`. Values must include absolute CSS units.

```
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: '#content',
  pageSetup: {
    size: { width: '4in', height: '6in' },
    margin: { top: '12pt', inner: '12pt', outer:
'16pt', bottom: '20pt' },
  },
});
```

## *printSetup*

Note that setting the paper size through bindery only works in Chrome and Opera<sup>1</sup> as of 2017. Users with other browsers must set the size in the system print dialog.

**layout:**

1: [caniuse.com/#feat=css-paged-media](https://caniuse.com/#feat=css-paged-media)

### PAGES

One page per sheet, in numerical order default

### SPREADS

Two pages per sheet, in numerical order

### BOOKLET

Two pages per sheet, in booklet order. For printing double sided and folding into a saddle stitched booklet.

paper:

### AUTO

Sets paper to the size of the page or, if the layout is spreads or booklet, twice as wide as the page. Note that marks will not be visible. default

### AUTO\_BLEED

The size of the page plus the size of the bleed. Note that marks will not be visible.

### AUTO\_MARKS

The size of the page plus room for



crop and bleed marks.

LETTER\_PORTRAIT

LETTER\_LANDSCAPE

A4\_PORTRAIT

A4\_LANDSCAPE

marks: NONE

CROP

Note that crop marks are always  
outset by the bleed amount.`default`

BLEED

BOTH

bleed: Amount of bleed. Values must  
include absolute CSS units. This  
affects the size of full-bleed pages<sup>1</sup>  
and spreads<sup>2</sup>, and sets the position  
of bleed and crop marks.

1: [bindery.info/book/#fullbleedpage](http://bindery.info/book/#fullbleedpage)

2: [bindery.info/book/#fullbleedsread](http://bindery.info/book/#fullbleedsread)

```
Bindery.makeBook({  
  content: '#content',  
  printSetup: {  
    layout: Bindery.Layout.BOOKLET,  
    paper: Bindery.Paper.AUTO_BLEED,  
    marks: Bindery.Marks.CROP,  
    bleed: '12pt',  
  },  
});
```

## *Preview*

view:

**PREVIEW**

shows the spreads of the book as they will appear when the book is trimmed and bound. If you choose this mode, Bindery will switch to PRINT before printing. default

**PRINT**

shows the complete printed sheet, which may include multiple pages,

marks, and bleed if those options are enabled. Note that when

printing a booklet, pages will appear out of order.

### FLIPBOOK

shows a three-dimensional preview, making it easy to visualize which pages will end up on the backs of others. If you choose this mode, Bindery will switch to PRINT before printing.

```
Bindery.makeBook({  
  content: '#content',  
  view: Bindery.View.FLIPBOOK,  
})
```

## Flowing Content

Book content runs within the margins on the front and back of every page. You can set a series of rules that change the book flow. Rules are triggered by selectors, like CSS. For example, you might want

to start all `h2` elements on a new page, and make all `.big-figure` elements into a full-bleed spread across two pages:

```
Bindery.makeBook({
  content: '#content',
  rules: [
    Bindery.PageBreak({ selector: 'h2', position:
'before' }),
    Bindery.FullBleedSpread({ selector: '.big-figure'
}),
  ],
});
```

You may prefer to create rules separately:

```

let breakRule = Bindery.PageBreak({
  selector: 'h2',
  position: 'before',
});

let spreadRule = Bindery.FullBleedSpread({
  selector: '.big-figure',
});

Bindery.makeBook({
  content: '#content',
  rules: [ breakRule, spreadRule ],
});

```

## *PageBreak*

Adds or avoids page breaks for the selected element.

**selector:** Which elements the rule should be applied to.

**position:** `'before'`  
insert a break before the element,

so it starts on a new page

'after'

insert a break after the element

'both'

insert breaks before and after the element

'avoid'

prevents the element from breaking in the middle, by pushing it to the next page.

continue:

will insert an extra break when appropriate so that the flow will resume on a specific page. Optional

'next'

default

'left'

'right'

```
// Make sure chapter titles always start on a
righthand page.
```

```
Bindery.PageBreak({
  selector: 'h2',
  position: 'before',
  continue: 'right'
})
```

## *Split*

Add a class when an element splits across two pages, to customize the styling.

Bindery makes as few assumptions as possible about your intended design— by default, text-indent will be removed from `<p>`s that started on the previous page, and the bullet will be hidden for `<li>`s that started on the previous page. Everything else you should specify yourself—for example, you may want to remove margin, padding, or borders when your element splits. See example<sup>1</sup>.

**selector:** Which elements the rule should be  
 1: [bindery.info/examples/7\\_custom\\_split](http://bindery.info/examples/7_custom_split)

applied to.

**toNext:** Class applied to elements that will continue onto the next page.

Optional

**fromPrevious:** Class applied to elements that started on a previous page. Optional

```
Bindery.Split({
  selector: 'p',
  toNext: 'to-next',
  fromPrevious: 'from-previous',
}),
```

```
<!-- Before -->      <!-- Page 1 -->
<p>                  <p class='to-next'>
  Some books are    Some books are
  saddle stitched...</p>
</p>                <!-- Page 2 -->
                    <p class='from-previous'>
                      saddle stitched...
                    </p>
```



## *Counter*

Increment a counter as the book flows. This is useful for numbering figures or sections. Bindery's Counters can be used in place of CSS counters<sup>1</sup>, which will not work as expected when the DOM is reordered to create a book.

- incrementEl:** CSS Selector. Matching elements will increment the counter by 1.
- resetEl:** CSS Selector. Matching elements will set the counter to 0. Optional
- replaceEl:** CSS Selector. Matching elements will display the value of the counter.
- replace:** A function that takes the selected element and the counter value, and returns an new element. By default, Bindery will simply replace the contents with the value of the

<sup>1</sup>: [developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS\\_Lists\\_and\\_Counters/Using\\_CSS\\_counters](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/CSS/CSS_Lists_and_Counters/Using_CSS_counters)

## counter.Optional

Here's how you could number all `<figure>`s, by replacing the existing `<span class='fig-num'>`s.

```
Bindery.Counter({  
  incrementEl: 'figure',  
  replaceEl: '.fig-num',  
})
```

```
<!-- Before -->  
<figure>  
  <img />  
  <figcaption>  
    <span class='fig-num'></span>  
    Here's the caption  
  </figcaption>  
</figure>
```

```

<!-- After -->
<figure>
  <img />
  <figcaption>
    <span class='fig-num'>1</span>
    Here's the caption
  </figcaption>
</figure>

```

Here's how you could number all `<p>`s, resetting each section, by inserting new markup. See [example](#)<sup>1</sup>.

```

Bindery.Counter({
  incrementEl: 'p',
  replaceEl: 'p',
  resetEl: 'h2',
  replace: (el, counterValue) => {
    el.insertAdjacentHTML('afterbegin', '<i>P
${counterValue} </i>');
    return el;
  }
}),

```

1: [bindery.info/examples/10\\_counters](http://bindery.info/examples/10_counters)

<pre> &lt;!-- Before --&gt; &lt;h2&gt;Section 1&lt;/h2&gt; &lt;p&gt;Some books are saddle stitched.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;Other books are perfect bound.&lt;/p&gt;  &lt;h2&gt;Section 2&lt;/h2&gt; &lt;p&gt;eBooks are different altogether.&lt;/p&gt; </pre>	<pre> &lt;!-- After --&gt; &lt;h2&gt;Section 1&lt;/h2&gt; &lt;p&gt;&lt;i&gt;P 1&lt;/i&gt; Some books are saddle stitched.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;p&gt;&lt;i&gt;P 2&lt;/i&gt; Other books are perfect bound.&lt;/p&gt;  &lt;h2&gt;Section 2&lt;/h2&gt; &lt;p&gt;&lt;i&gt;P 1&lt;/i&gt; eBooks are different altogether.&lt;/p&gt; </pre>
--	--

## Page Elements

### *RunningHeader*

An element added to each page. By default it will add a page number at the top right of each page, but you can use `render` to generate

running headers using your section titles.

Note that you can't currently use multiple `RunningHeader` rules at the same time. However, you can create a custom rule<sup>1</sup> that works similarly.

```
Bindery.RunningHeader({
  render: (pageInfo) => pageInfo.isLeft
    ? `${pageInfo.number} · ${pageInfo.heading.h1}`
    : `${pageInfo.heading.h2} · ${pageInfo.number}`
})
```

`render:` A function that takes a `PageInfo` and returns a string of HTML. You'll probably want to use the `number`, `isLeft`, `isEmpty`, and `heading` properties — see `PageInfo`<sup>2</sup> for details. `Optional`

## *Footnote*

Add a footnote to the bottom of the flow area.

1: [codepen.io/brsev/pen/yLVrwdw](https://codepen.io/brsev/pen/yLVrwdw)

2: [bindery.info/book/#pageinfo](https://bindery.info/book/#pageinfo)

Footnotes cut into the area for text, so note that very large footnotes may bump the entire element to the next page.

**selector:** Which elements the rule should be applied to.

**render:** A function that takes an element and number, and returns the footnote for that element. This footnote will be inserted at the bottom of the flow area.

**replace:** A function that takes the selected element and number, and returns an new element with a footnote indicator. By default, Bindery will simply insert the number as a superscript after the original element. `Optional`

```

Bindery.Footnote({
  selector: 'p > a',
  render: (element, number) => {
    return '<i>' + number + '</i>: Link to ' +
element.href;
  }
}),

```

## *FullBleedPage*

Removes the selected element from the ordinary flow of the book and places it on its own page. Good for displaying figures and imagery. You can use CSS to do your own layout on this page—`width: 100%; height: 100%` will fill the whole bleed area.

- `selector:` Which elements the rule should be applied to.
- `continue:` Where to resume the book flow after adding the full bleed page. Optional

'same'

Continues on the previous page where the element would have been. This will fill the remainder of that page, avoiding a gap, though note that it results in a different order than your original markup.

default

'next'

Continues on a new page

'left'

Continues on the next left page, inserting another page when appropriate

'right'

Continues on the next right page, inserting another page when appropriate

rotate:

Add a rotation the full-bleed content. Optional

'none'

default



'clockwise'

The top will become the left edge

'counterclockwise'

The top will become the right edge

'inward'

The top will become the outside  
edge

'outward'

The top will become the inside  
edge

```
Bindery.FullBleedPage({
  selector: '.big-figure',
  continue: 'same'
}),
```

## *FullBleedSpread*

The same as `FullBleedPage`<sup>1</sup>, but places the element across two pages.

**selector:** Which elements the rule should be

1: [bindery.info/book/#fullbleedpage](http://bindery.info/book/#fullbleedpage)

applied to.

**continue:** Where to resume the book flow after adding the full bleed element.

Optional

'same'

default Continue where the element was, so there's not a blank gap before the spread.

'next'

Continues on a new page after the spread.

'left'

Continues on the next left page after the spread

'right'

Continues on the next right page after the spread

**rotate:** Add a rotation the full-bleed content. Optional

'none'

default

`'clockwise'`

The top will become the left edge

`'counterclockwise'`

The top will become the right edge

```
Bindery.FullBleedSpread({
  selector: '.wide-figure',
  continue: 'next',
  rotate: 'clockwise',
}),
```

## Referencing Pages

If your web content has internal links or navigation, you can use a `PageReference` to insert the page number the content will eventually end up on. You can use them to create traditional book navigation elements, like a table of contents, index, endnotes, without having to update them every time you change the page size or style.

## *PageReference*

- selector:** Which elements the rule should be applied to.
- replace:** A function that takes an element and a page range, and must return a new element. By default, Bindery will insert the page range after the original element. *Optional*
- createTest:** A function that takes your reference element and returns a test function. The test function receives a page element, and should return true if the reference can be found. By default, the test function will look for the anchor tag of the reference element's `href` property, which is useful for a table of contents. Use a custom function to create an index. *Optional*

## Creating a Table of Contents

A table of contents is a `PageReference`<sup>1</sup> that points to a specific page. By default, `PageReference` will look for anchor links. To create a table of contents, do this:

```
Bindery.PageReference({
  selector: '.toc a',
  replace: (element, number) => {
    let row = document.createElement('div');
    row.classList.add('toc-row');
    row.innerHTML = element.textContent;
    row.innerHTML += `<span class='num'>${number}</span>`;
    return row;
  }
})
```

You can use any library that creates HTML elements, for example `nanohtml`<sup>2</sup>:

1: [bindery.info/book/#pagereference](https://bindery.info/book/#pagereference)  
 2: [github.com/choojs/nanohtml](https://github.com/choojs/nanohtml)

```
const html = import 'nanohtml';
```

```
Bindery.PageReference({
  selector: '.toc a',
  replace: (element, number) => html`
    <div class="toc-row">
      <span>${element.textContent}</span>
      <span class="num">${number}</span>
    </div>
  `;
})
```

This will transform the HTML of your anchor links like this:

<code>&lt;!-- Before --&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;!-- After --&gt;</code>
<code>&lt;nav class='toc'&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;nav class='toc'&gt;</code>
<code>  &lt;a href='#chapter1'&gt;</code>	<code>  &lt;div class='toc-row'&gt;</code>
Chapter 1	<span>Chapter 1</span>
<code>&lt;/a&gt;</code>	<span class='num'>5</span>
<code>&lt;/nav&gt;</code>	<code>&lt;/div&gt;</code>
	<code>&lt;/nav&gt;</code>

*Creating an Index*

An index is a `PageReference`<sup>1</sup> that points to content on a range of pages. There are many way you might create an index. In the following example, rather than checking the `href`, `Bindery` will search the entire text of each page to see if contains the text of your reference element.

```
Bindery.PageReference({
  selector: '.index-content li',
  createTest: (el) => {
    const searchTerm =
el.textContent.toLowerCase().trim();
    return (page) => {
      const textOfPage =
page.textContent.toLowerCase();
      return textOfPage.includes(searchTerm);
    }
  },
})
```

This will transform the list items as below:

1: `bindery.info/book/#pagereference`

```
<!-- Before -->                                <!-- After -->
<p>                                               <p>
  Some books are                                 Some books are
  saddle stitched...                             saddle stitched...
</p>                                             </p>

<ul class='index-content'><ul class='index-content'>
  <li>Saddle Stitch</li>    <li>Saddle Stitch, 5</li>
</ul>                                           </ul>
```

If you didn't want to match on the exact string, you could use other selectors or attribute, or use a fuzzier method of searching. Just create your own testing function from the index entry.



```
Bindery.PageReference({
  selector: '[data-ref]',
  createTest: (el) => {
    let selector = el.getAttribute('data-ref');
    return (page) => page.querySelector(selector);
  },
})
```

```
<!-- Before -->
<p data-id='perfectBind'>
  Most books are perfect bound.
</p>

<ul>
  <li data-ref='perfectBind'>
    Binding, Perfect
  </li>
</ul>
```

```
<!-- After -->  
<p data-id='perfectBind'>  
  Most books are perfect bound.  
</p>  
  
<ul>  
  <li data-ref='perfectBind'>  
    Binding, Perfect: 5  
  </li>  
</ul>
```

Note that we can't know what page something will end up on until the book layout is complete, so make sure that your `replace` function doesn't change the layout drastically.

## Advanced

### *PageInfo*

You may receive instances of this class when using

custom rules, but will not create them yourself.

number	the page number, with the first page being 1
heading	The current hierarchy of headings from previous pages, in the form of <code>{ h1: String, h2: String, ... h6: String }</code>
isEmpty	Bool Whether the page includes flow content
isRight	Bool The page is on the right (the front)
isLeft	Bool The page is on the left (the back)

### *BookInfo*

You may receive instances of this class when using

custom rules, but will not create them yourself.

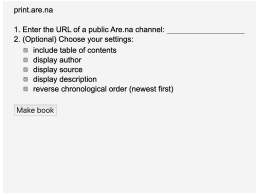
pages            *Array of PageInfo*<sup>1</sup>

1: `bindery.info/book/#pageinfo`

# Gallery



## Gallery



### *print.arena*

## Generate a book from an Are.na channel

Mindy Seu, Charles Broskoski, Ekene Ijeoma, 2020

1



### *VSCO Zine*

## Create a zine from a VSCO profile.

Trudy Painter, 2020

2

1: [print.arena](http://print.arena)

2: [vSCO-zine.herokuapp.com](http://vSCO-zine.herokuapp.com)

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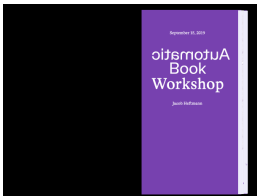
Author	Title
<a href="#">Chris Corey</a>	<a href="#">A Student's Dilemma</a>
<a href="#">Dayanna Centeno</a>	<a href="#">A Sustainable Publication</a>
<a href="#">Devin Halladay</a>	<a href="#">Contingencies in Sustainability</a>
<a href="#">Alexandra Petrenko</a>	<a href="#">MICA Graphic Design Department Identity</a>
<a href="#">Kevin Gayer</a>	<a href="#">Designing a Compostable Book</a>
<a href="#">Claire Evans</a>	<a href="#">Designing a Low-Energy Portfolio Website</a>
<a href="#">Greg Fisk</a>	<a href="#">Ground Up Sustainability Design Update</a>
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## *MICA Sustainable Graphic Design*

### Collected thinking on design and the environment

Members of Sustainable Design, MICA Fall 2019

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## *Automatic Book Workshop*

### At Hochschule der Bildenden Künste Saar

Jacob Heftmann, 2019

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1: [gd314-sgd.github.io/publication](https://gd314-sgd.github.io/publication)

2: [www.jacobheftmann.com/teaching/automatic-book-workshop](http://www.jacobheftmann.com/teaching/automatic-book-workshop)





## *Every Photo*

A book generated from a Small Victories feed

Jacob Heftmann, 2019

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## *Let's try listening again*

Catalog for the 13th annual A.I.R. Biennial

Lukas Eigler-Harding, 2019

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1: [bindery-demo.smvi.co](http://bindery-demo.smvi.co)

2: [letstrylisteningagain.org](http://letstrylisteningagain.org)

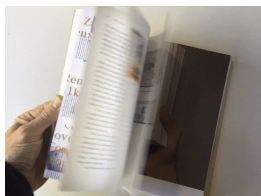


## *Cita Press*

Feminist indie press publishing public-domain books by women

Juliana Castro, 2017

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## *John Caserta*

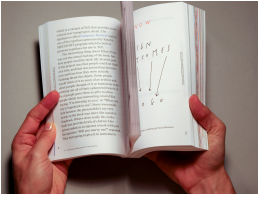
Book and site to document projects, writing, and teaching

John Caserta, 2017

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1: [citapress.org](http://citapress.org)

2: [johncaserta.com](http://johncaserta.com)



## *for/with/in*

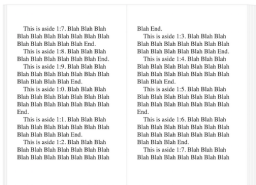
Book and site to explore the web browser as a design tool

Members of HTML Output, RISD Fall 2014

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*Examples to get started*

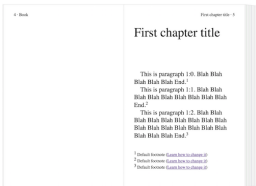
1: `htmloutput.risd.gd`



## Getting Started

### Fetch content and flow it through pages

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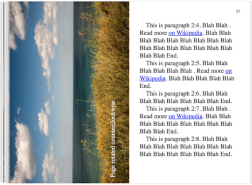


## Configure Rules

### Page breaks, footnotes, and a table of contents

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- 1: [bindery.info/examples/2\\_content\\_on\\_separate\\_page](http://bindery.info/examples/2_content_on_separate_page)
- 2: [bindery.info/examples/3\\_using\\_configuration\\_options](http://bindery.info/examples/3_using_configuration_options)



## *Spreads and Images*

### Full-bleed, out-of-flow spreads

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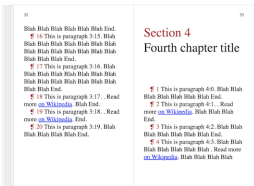
## *Handle a Split*

### Indicate that an element starts or ends on another page

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1: [bindery.info/examples/9\\_spreads\\_and\\_images](http://bindery.info/examples/9_spreads_and_images)

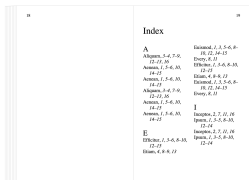
2: [bindery.info/examples/7\\_custom\\_split](http://bindery.info/examples/7_custom_split)



## Counters

# Number figures and sections (alternative to CSS Counters)

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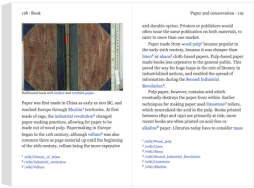
## Index

# Automatically list every page that matches a query

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1: [bindery.info/examples/10\\_counters](http://bindery.info/examples/10_counters)

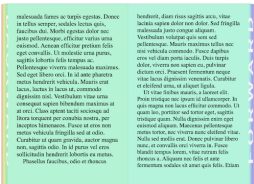
2: [bindery.info/examples/8\\_index](http://bindery.info/examples/8_index)



## Wikipedia Article

Create a book from HTML you didn't write

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## Create your own rules

Dynamic background and font size, fore-edge graphics

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1: [bindery.info/examples/6\\_wikipedia](http://bindery.info/examples/6_wikipedia)

2: [bindery.info/examples/4\\_custom\\_rules](http://bindery.info/examples/4_custom_rules)



## *How to make a book with HTML & CSS*

These docs as a book

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# About



## *Approach*

Bindery is intended for anyone new to web design. The documentation doesn't assume you know javascript, and you don't need a module bundler or build step to get started. If you need help, or something seems unclear in the documentation, feel free to open an issue<sup>1</sup> on Github or ask @bindery\_js<sup>2</sup> on twitter.

Bindery relies on your browser's PDF generation. If you want to adjust a PDF setting, your browser must support it— different browsers and platforms may have different options.

Bindery is open source—report bugs, make suggestions, or lend a hand on Github<sup>3</sup>.

## *History*

Bindery.js 1.0 was developed in Spring 2014 for

1: [github.com/evnbr/bindery/issues/new/choose](https://github.com/evnbr/bindery/issues/new/choose)

2: [twitter.com/bindery\\_js](https://twitter.com/bindery_js)

3: [github.com/evnbr/bindery](https://github.com/evnbr/bindery)

for/with/in<sup>1</sup>, a publication from participants in the graphic design course *HTML Output* at RISD<sup>2</sup>.

Fellow course members Catherine Leigh Schmidt<sup>3</sup> and Lukas WinklerPrins<sup>4</sup> produced a Jekyll theme called Baby Bindery<sup>5</sup> for the Design Office<sup>6</sup> based on this initial version.

Bindery.js 2.0 has been developed since February 2017 by Evan Brooks<sup>7</sup>. It has been rewritten from scratch to be smaller, faster, more flexible, and more robust. With thanks to John Caserta<sup>8</sup> and Teddy Bradford<sup>9</sup> for contributions and feedback.

Web browsers may eventually support some of Bindery's features natively— see CSS Paged Media Level 3<sup>10</sup> and CSS Generated Content<sup>11</sup>. Note that

1: [htmloutput.risd.gd](http://htmloutput.risd.gd)

2: [risd.edu](http://risd.edu)

3: [cath.land](http://cath.land)

4: [ltwp.net](http://ltwp.net)

5: [github.com/thedesignoffice/babybindery](https://github.com/thedesignoffice/babybindery)

6: [thedesignoffice.org](http://thedesignoffice.org)

7: [evanbrooks.info](http://evanbrooks.info)

8: [johncaserta.com](http://johncaserta.com)

9: [teddybradford.com](http://teddybradford.com)

10: [drafts.csswg.org/css-page-3](http://drafts.csswg.org/css-page-3)

11: [www.w3.org/TR/css-gcpm-3](http://www.w3.org/TR/css-gcpm-3)

CSS drafts and standards aren't guaranteed to be adopted. The initial version of Bindery was based on the CSS Regions<sup>1</sup> draft, which was criticized<sup>2</sup> and later abandoned by Chrome<sup>3</sup>. Cross-element layout in Bindery is currently handled by `regionize.js`<sup>4</sup>.

1: [drafts.csswg.org/css-regions](https://drafts.csswg.org/css-regions)

2: [alistapart.com/blog/post/css-regions-considered-harmful](https://alistapart.com/blog/post/css-regions-considered-harmful)

3: [arstechnica.com/information-technology/2014/01/google-plans-to-dump-adobe-css-tech-to-make-blink-fast-not-rich](https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2014/01/google-plans-to-dump-adobe-css-tech-to-make-blink-fast-not-rich)

4: [github.com/evnbr/regionize](https://github.com/evnbr/regionize)



## *Colophon*

Text is set in Tiempos Headline<sup>1</sup> by Klim Type<sup>2</sup>, and code samples are set in Input Mono<sup>3</sup> by David Jonathan Ross<sup>4</sup>.

This page was rendered at [Time and Date] with [Browser].

This site was last updated at 3:23 AM on Sunday, February 06, 2022. It is built with Jekyll<sup>5</sup> and hosted on Github Pages<sup>6</sup>. Its source code is available here<sup>7</sup>.

1: [klim.co.nz/retail-fonts/tiempos-headline](https://klim.co.nz/retail-fonts/tiempos-headline)

2: [klim.co.nz](https://klim.co.nz)

3: [input.fontbureau.com](https://input.fontbureau.com)

4: [djr.com](https://djr.com)

5: [jekyllrb.com](https://jekyllrb.com)

6: [pages.github.com](https://pages.github.com)

7: [github.com/evnbr/bindery/tree/master/docs](https://github.com/evnbr/bindery/tree/master/docs)